

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT **RESOURCE GUIDE**

**TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO ASSIST
ILLINOIS COMMUNITIES IN PLANNING,
RESPONSE AND RECOVERY**

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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide a resource of floodplain management funding opportunities and technical assistance programs available to local communities in Illinois. Many of the organizations and programs listed in this document can help communities in their efforts to reduce flood risks while others can provide assistance with recovery efforts. Some of these programs and grants may not have water resources or flood reduction as a specific goal, but could be used to achieve multiple objectives which include these goals. Other programs and grants are included in this guide which may complement a buyout or floodplain restoration program. This guide serves as a tool to connect communities in Illinois with the numerous resources available for floodplain management activities.

The guide is organized into four categories of sources- federal agencies, state agencies, other public or non-profit organizations, and private/foundational organizations. Agencies and organizations are listed alphabetically by category. The following key has been developed to identify the groups that are eligible for each program:

Key to Group Eligibility

- "I"** **I**ndividuals
- "G"** Local **G**overnment
- "O"** All **O**rganizations
- "P"** **P**rivate not-for-profit [501(c)(3)] organizations only
- "E"** **E**ducational Institutions
- "U"** **U**nknown/Varies (please contact administrators)

**Communities are encouraged to contact each organization for specific information on programs, as they have the tendency to change in terms of availability and requirements.*

We would like to specifically thank Keith Eichorst and Paul Osman for their work in drafting the first edition of the guide in 2002. Keith, a community planner with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), provided the initial template and idea through a publication entitled "Grant Information Summary for Conservation Projects." Paul, a manager at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources/Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR), expanded on this information by including a wide variety of flood-related technical assistance and grant opportunity programs.

This document is provided as a public service and does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement of any particular agency, organization, program, or grant. Also note that the absence of any particular grant or program does not constitute a negative endorsement. While an effort has been made to provide an accurate listing, funding information is constantly changing and omissions or errors may occur. For corrections, additions, comments, or copies of this document, please contact Illinois ResourceNet, which connects nonprofit organizations and local units of government with the information and resources necessary to gain access to funding opportunities:

(312) 413-4301 | illinoisresource.net | info@illinoisresource.net



Illinois ResourceNet: A Funding Access Initiative (IRN) is a university-based resource providing Illinois nonprofits and local governments with the competitive assets to access federal funding. IRN offers organizations a unique approach to grant access centered on providing information and resources on an interactive website, working with experienced technical assistants on designing high caliber proposals, and connecting with a diverse group of partners to meet proposed project goals.

Illinois ResourceNet is committed to ensuring that the organizations we work with are ready for the rigor and challenges of managing a federal grant. With this in mind, our technical assistance services have been designed to facilitate the process and improve the quality of proposals through a review, critique, and advisory process.

Technical assistants provide guided support through the application process, including:

- **Fostering partnerships among community groups and local governments to develop more comprehensive plans and for cost-sharing purposes**
- **Assisting in the creation of a proposal development plan**
- **Instructing on best practices for preparing a sustainable budget**
- **Refining proposals to ensure submissions are of high quality, clear and complete with an eye towards their adherence to the requirements set forth in the request for proposal and with attention to the point criteria**
- **Establishing relationships with federal government representatives, and capitalizing on their experiences**
- **Facilitating of the proposal submission process**

Get Started!

If your organization is currently working on or is in the planning stages for a Federal RFP please send an email to info@illinoisresource.net to request technical assistance.

If you would like an assessment of your organization's readiness to apply for federal funding, please complete and submit our online organizational profile. www.illinoisresource.net

Federal Sources

The federal government is an excellent place to investigate sources of assistance for water resources projects.

Once you identify your specific requirements, the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) is a great place to search for federal funding sources. The catalog can be searched online and should also be available at your local library in print form.

www.cfda.gov

Grants.gov is the place for finding and applying for federal government grants. Forms and grant administration procedures can also be found on the website.

www.grants.gov | support@grants.gov (Grants Program Mgmt. Office)
(800) 518-4726 (Contact Center)

You can learn more about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA, also known as the “Economic Stimulus Package”) at Recovery.gov. It enables you to browse and search opportunities specifically through the Recovery Act (via grants.gov). Allocation information is also provided, and there is a website dedicated to Illinois recovery efforts.

www.recovery.gov | www.illinois.gov/recovery

Federal agencies are listed alphabetically by department, with contact information listed below each agency. Please note that different programs offered by the same agency may have separate contact information. Websites of federal agencies may give you more information about individual programs and provide information on other opportunities for assistance.

<http://grants.gov/applicants/recovery.jsp>

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Federal Sources

Grants.gov



Grants.gov is your source to FIND and APPLY for federal government grants. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is proud to be the managing partner for Grants.gov, an initiative that is having an unparalleled impact on the grant community.

<http://grants.gov/applicants/recovery.jsp>

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA)



Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)



Natural Resources Conservation Service | 2118 W. Park Court | Champaign, IL 61820
(217) 353-6600 | www.nrcs.usda.gov

Topics: Public Information, Floodplain Planning, Emergency Management Planning, Multi-Objective Management, Mitigation Techniques.

NRCS primarily serves rural areas. NRCS staff provides information on land use planning, conservation planning, resource development, water management and flood prevention to farmers, community officials, and land developers. NRCS provides general information, as well as technical and financial assistance, for flood and streambank protection projects, emergency watershed assistance, and conservation easements in floodplain areas.

Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP): U

- Available in disaster events to repair damage to watershed infrastructure.
- Requires local unit of government sponsorship (County, Township, Village, Drainage District, etc.).
- Pays 75% of eligible restoration costs.
- May include floodplain easements.

Wetland Reserve Program (WRP): U

- Includes a variety of wetland restoration practices on lands used for agricultural and incidental forestry production.
- Sign-up is continuous.

- Removes land from production through permanent easement, 30-year easement, or 10-year agreement.
- Payment is per acre based on lesser of appraised value, geographic area rate, or landowner offer. Also restoration cost share.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP): U

- Includes streambank stabilization practices (and other conservation practices) on lands used for agricultural or forestry production.
- Sign-up is continuous.
- Payment is a flat rate based on 75% (90% for socially disadvantaged and beginning producers) of average cost.

Small Watershed Program Public Law 83-566: G

- Technical assistance is provided in designing and installing watershed works of improvement. Financial assistance is provided for sharing costs of measures for watershed protection, flood prevention, water management, sedimentation control, wildlife habitat, and recreation.
- Watershed area must not exceed 250,000 acres. Capacity of a single structure is limited to 25,000 acre-feet of total capacity and 12,500 acre-feet of floodwater detention capacity.

Cooperative River Basin Program, Section 6, Public Law 83-566: G

- Cooperative River Basin studies are for appraising water and related land resources and formulating alternative plans for conservation use and development.
- Studies are of limited scope and short duration to provide specific information needed for planning.
- Plans may include management and land measures or combinations thereof that would meet existing and projected needs and objectives.

Points of Contact:

The NRCS work is conducted in cooperation with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD). The point of contact is the District Conservationist, who usually has an office in the county seat- check the local telephone directory under USDA or www.il.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/directory/ilcntys.html

*Note: The Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (217) 744-3414 can guide you to your county SWCD office.



Rural Development

USDA Rural Development | Illinois State Office | 2118 W. Park Ct., Ste. A | Champaign, IL 61821
(217) 403-6200 | www.rurdev.usda.gov/il

www.rurdev.usda.gov

Rural Development is working to eliminate substandard housing from rural America by helping rural people buy, build, or rent decent housing. We also create jobs by funding the growth and creation of rural businesses and cooperatives. Other Rural Development programs help rural communities build or improve community facilities, such as schools, health clinics and fire stations. We also have programs that help rural communities build or extend utilities, including water, electricity, and telecommunications services.

Our assistance is provided in many ways, including direct or guaranteed loans, grants, technical assistance, research, and educational materials. To accomplish our mission, USDA Rural Development often works in partnership with state, local, and tribal governments, as well as rural businesses, cooperatives, and nonprofit agencies.

USDA Rural Development in Illinois operates federal loan programs designed to strengthen rural businesses, finance new and improved rural housing, develop community facilities, and support development of water and waste disposal systems, telecommunications, and utilities. Rural Development provides financing for over 35 programs that serve people in rural Illinois through guaranteed loans, direct loans, and grants. Programs are delivered through offices in 12 locations as well as the state office in Champaign.



Farm Service Agency (FSA)

Illinois State FSA Office | P. O. Box 19273 | 3500 West Wabash | Springfield, Illinois 62711
217-241-6600 x. 2 | www.fsa.usda.gov

Emergency Conservation Program: I, G

The objective of the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) is to provide cost sharing assistance to agricultural producers who have suffered severe damage to farmland as a result of a natural disaster.

ECP is implemented only after a determination that damage to the land is so severe that federal assistance is needed to return the land to productive agricultural use. This determination is done locally by FSA's County Committees. For more information, contact your local FSA office following a disaster.



U.S. Department of Commerce



Economic Development Administration

Chicago Regional Office | 111 North Canal Street, Suite 855 | Chicago, IL 60606

(312) 353-7706 | www.eda.gov

Illinois EDA Representative: William Warren | (312) 353-7148, ext. 158 | wwarren1@eda.doc.gov

EDA targets its investment assistance on attracting private capital investment and creating higher-skill, higher-wage jobs in those communities and regions that are suffering from economic distress.

<http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml> -- This section provides current information on EDA's Programs, Investment Policies and Funding Opportunities.

The section also provides easy access to Laws and Regulations that apply to EDA's Programs, and guidance for those who may be interested in applying for EDA's Investment Awards.



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA)

14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW | Room 6217 | Washington, DC 20230

(202) 482-6090 | www.nws.noaa.gov

Topic: Emergency Management Planning.

Reports the weather of the U.S. and its possessions and provides weather and river forecasts; Issues watches and warnings to the general public against natural events, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, floods, and tsunamis; Provides special services in support of aviation, marine activities, agriculture, forestry, urban air-quality control, and other weather-sensitive activities.

Local Flood Warning Systems: G

-Floodplain information and interpretation assistance for specific points on larger rivers of the United States can be obtained from the National Weather Service (NWS).

-NWS provides flood forecasts and warnings on larger rivers and provides flash flood warnings on smaller streams.

-Interested communities are assisted in establishing flood warning systems.

Point of Contact:

There are 13 River Forecast Centers across the United States and Alaska. Regional office staff can identify field stations near a user.

National Weather Service Central Region Headquarters*

7220 NW 101st Terrace | Kansas City, MO 64153

(816) 891-7734 | www.crh.noaa.gov/crh

*Manages the NWS Weather Forecast Offices and River Forecast Centers in the following states: Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

U.S. Department of Defense (DOD)



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

Within Illinois, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is represented in four district offices:

Chicago District- www.lrc.usace.army.mil

Rock Island District- www.mvr.usace.army.mil

St. Louis District- www.mvs.usace.army.mil

Louisville District- www.lrl.usace.army.mil

*Please refer to the USACE website to determine which district you are located in:

www.usace.army.mil/about/Pages/Locations.aspx

Topics: Public Information, Data Sources, Floodplain Management Planning, Mitigation Techniques, Emergency Management Planning, Project Construction.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is the nation's primary water resources development agency. Congress assigned the Corps with this civil works responsibility focused on protecting and enhancing our country's aquatic systems. Since 1824, the Corps has been involved in developing commercial navigation and recreation, reducing flood damage, and restoring ecosystems. The USACE Districts work with partners and stakeholders in planning, engineering, design, and construction of these water resource projects.

Illinois Flood Risk Management Team: I, G, O, P, E

The Illinois Flood Risk Management Team was implemented through the Illinois Interagency Mitigation Advisory Group to further develop and improve interagency coordination of flood risk management. Through this team, state agencies work with USACE, FEMA, and other federal and local agencies to ensure continuous interagency collaboration at the state level, leveraging available resources and

information. The program has created a mechanism to collaboratively solve flood hazard issues and also recommend and implement solutions while increasing and improving flood risk communication and outreach. The Flood Risk Management Team facilitates strategic life-cycle planning to reduce flood risk and provide assistance in implementing state-identified high-priority actions. Individuals and organizations may contact this group to obtain assistance in identifying appropriate agency programs and processes to address their flood damage and risk issues.

*Local USACE contact for the Flood Risk Management Team:

Hank DeHaan, Program Manager

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | Rock Island District

Clock Tower Building | P.O. Box 2004 | Rock Island, IL 61204-2004

(309) 794-5853

Public Law 84-99 Flood Emergency Assistance: G, P, U

- The Corps of Engineers is authorized to provide flood emergency assistance under three categories: Emergency Operations/Flood Fight Assistance, Rehabilitation of Damaged Flood Damage Reduction Projects, and Advance Measures.
- When flood conditions exceed, or are predicted to exceed the response capability of levee and drainage districts and local or state governments, the Corps has the authority to provide emergency flood response assistance without further specific authorization from Congress. The Corps can furnish assistance for flood emergency preparation, flood fighting, and the repair and restoration of certain flood damage reduction projects damaged or destroyed by a flood. Assistance also includes providing flood fight personnel for technical advice, sandbags, plastic sheeting, pumps, or other materials and equipment for an imminent or actual flood emergency to protect against substantial loss of life and property. Cost Share: 100% federal.
- Corps assistance is supplemental to local interests during flood fight operations.
- The Corps will provide assistance in the rehabilitation of flood damage reduction projects only when the federal or non-federal project is "Active" in the Corps Rehabilitation and Inspection Program and repairs are clearly beyond normal physical and financial capabilities of the project sponsor. Cost Share: Federally authorized projects operated and maintained by a public sponsor - 100% federal; Non-federal projects – 80% federal/ 20% public sponsor.
- Advance Measures consist of those activities performed prior to flooding or flood fighting to protect against loss of life and damages to urban areas and/or public facilities. Emergency work under this category will be considered when requested by the governor of a state confronted with an immediate threat of unusual flooding. Cost Share: 100 % federal for temporary measures; 75% federal/ 25% public sponsor for permanent measures.
- Contact Rodney Delp at (309) 794-5230.

Civil Works: G, O, P

- USACE water resource civil works involve engineering projects such as major dams, reservoirs, levees, harbors, waterways, locks, and many other types of structures.
- Planning assistance is provided to states and other non-federal entities for the comprehensive management of water resources, including pollution abatement works.

- Conduct feasibility studies to identify best project alternative and build flood damage reduction projects.
- Major projects require specific authorization and funding by Congress, while small projects (< \$1-7 million) can be implemented with agency authority.

Floodplain Management Services Program: G, U

- The Floodplain Management Services Program provides a full range of technical services and planning guidance needed to support effective floodplain management. The following types of assistance are available:

*General Technical Services- The program develops, interprets, and models site specific data to determine obstruction to flood flows, flood formation and timing, flood depths or stages, and flood water velocities.

*General Planning Assistance- “special studies” are performed for all aspects of floodplain management planning.

Examples include:

- Floodplain delineation/flood hazard management
- Flood warning/preparedness
- Dam break analysis
- Urbanization impact
- Flood proofing
- Inventory of floodprone structures

- Services are provided at no cost to state, regional, and local governments. Other federal agencies and the private sector can obtain the services on a 100% cost recovery basis.

- Contact the Army Corps of Engineers at (309) 794-5605 or (309) 794-4200.

Planning Assistance to States: G

- The Corps of Engineers provides assistance to states, local governments, and other non-federal entities in the preparation of comprehensive plans for the development, utilization, and conservation of water and related land resources.

- The individual states determine the needed planning assistance. Every year, each state can provide the Corps its request for studies under the program and the Corps then accommodates as many studies as possible within the funding allotment.

- Typical studies are only at a planning level of detail; they do not include detailed design for project construction.

Types of studies conducted include:

- Water supply and demand studies
- Water quality studies
- Environmental conservation/restoration studies
- Wetland evaluation studies
- Flood damage reduction studies

- Studies are cost shared on a 50% federal - 50% non-federal basis. Also, a portion of the non-federal cost may be performed as in-kind work rather than having to pay all cash. This must be negotiated before the study agreement is finalized.
- Contact the Army Corps of Engineers at (309) 794-5605 or (309) 794-4200.

Section 14 Emergency Streambank and Erosion Protection: G, I, O

- These projects are designed to provide emergency streambank and shoreline protection to threatened public facilities. A project is approved for construction after investigation shows engineering, economic, and environmental feasibility. The investigation generally lasts 6 months to a year. These projects are cost shared 65% federal and 35% non-federal. Each project is limited to a federal cost of \$1 million.
- Projects may protect:
 - Highways
 - Highway bridges
 - Water and sewer lines
 - Churches
 - Public and non-profit schools and hospitals
 - Other non-profit Public facilities
- Contact the Army Corps of Engineers at (309) 794-5203 or (309) 794-4200.

Section 205 Small Flood Control Projects: G

- These projects are designed to reduce major flooding problems. A project is approved for construction after investigation shows engineering, economic, and environmental feasibility. The investigation generally lasts 1 to 3 years. These projects are cost shared 65% federal and 35% non-federal. Each project is limited to a federal cost of \$7 million.
- A project may consist of one of more of the following:
 - Channel enlargement
 - Channel realignment or paving
 - Obstructions removal
 - Levee and wall construction
 - Bank stabilization
- Contact the Army Corps of Engineers at (309) 794-5203 or (309) 794-4200.

Section 206 of the 1960 Flood Control Act, as amended (Floodplain Mgmt. Services Program): G

- Provides floodplain information and technical assistance to states, counties, and cities for prudent use of land subject to flooding from streams, lakes, and oceans.
- Examples of projects include:
 - Developing and interpreting flood and floodplain data such as flood hazard mapping.
 - Providing a broad assessment of the impact of structural and non-structural flood damage reduction measures.
 - Providing technical assistance on flood proofing systems and techniques.

- Assessing the possible impacts of land use changes on the physical, socioeconomic, and environmental conditions of the floodplain.
- Contact the Army Corps of Engineers at (309) 794-5203 or (309) 794-4200.

Section 208 Snagging and Clearing for Flood Control: G

- These projects include channel clearing and excavation, with limited embankment construction by the use of materials from the clearing operation to reduce nuisance flood damages caused by debris and minor shoaling of rivers.
- Corps of Engineers designs and constructs the project. Each project must be engineering feasible, complete within itself, and economically justified. The non-federal sponsor must provide all lands, easements, and rights of way. Non-federal sponsor pays all project costs in excess of the federal limit of \$500,000. Sponsor agrees to maintain the project.
- Contact the Army Corps of Engineers at (309) 794-5203 or (309) 794-4200.

Section 1135 Project Modifications for the Improvement of the Environment: G, P, U

- The Corps of Engineers can assist in the restoration of degraded ecosystems through the modification of Corps of Engineers' structures, operations, or implementation of measures in affected areas.
- Federal funds and technical assistance are made available for studies, planning, engineering, construction and administration.
- Projects generally take 5-8 years to plan, design and construct.
- Cost-share up to \$5 million plus non-Federal match, 25% for project costs.
- Contact the Army Corps of Engineers at (309) 794-5853 or (309) 794-4200.

Section 206 Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration: G, P, U

- The Corp of Engineers can carry out aquatic ecosystem restoration and protection projects. These projects generally include manipulations of the hydrology in and along bodies of water, including wetlands, floodplains, and riparian areas.
- Projects will receive funding and assistance to carry out ecosystem restoration and enhancement if it is determined to be in the public interest, will improve the environment, and is cost effective.
- Projects generally take 5-8 years to plan, design, and construct.
- The non-federal sponsor must provide all lands, easements, and rights of way.
- Federal cost-share of up to \$5 million is available, 35% non-federal cost-share required.
- Contact the Army Corps of Engineers at (309) 794-5853 or (309) 794-4200.

Section 204 Beneficial Use of Dredged Materials: G, P, U

- These projects include creation of aquatic and wetland habitats in connection with construction or maintenance dredging of an authorized federal navigation project (e.g., as seen on the Mississippi River and Illinois Waterway).
- These projects may include constructing berms in the floodplain to assist with water control for wetland restoration and river island restoration and enhancement.
- Projects generally take 5-8 years to plan, design, and construct.
- The non-federal sponsor must provide all lands, easements, and rights of way.

- Federal cost-share of up to \$5 million is available, 25% non-federal cost-share required.
- Contact the Army Corps of Engineers at (309) 794-5853 or (309) 794-4200.

U.S. Department of Energy



U.S. Department of Energy | Chicago Regional Office | 9800 S Cass Ave. | Argonne, IL 60439
(630) 252-2423 | www.ch.doe.gov

Topics: Land Use Planning, Disaster Planning.

Sustainable Development

The DoE provides a very detailed web site with volumes of information on community planning, land use planning, disaster planning, and sustainable development. On this website, you will be able to:

- Read about other communities that have discovered the benefits of sustainable development;
- Locate technical and financial resources that can help your community plan and carry out sustainable development projects; and
- Access model codes and ordinances other communities have used to implement sustainable development.



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

ACF Chicago Regional Office | 233 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 400 | Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 353-4237 | www.acf.hhs.gov/index.html

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is a federal agency funding state, territory, local, and tribal organizations to provide family assistance (welfare), child support, child care, Head Start, child welfare, and other programs relating to children and families. Actual services are provided by state, county, city and tribal governments, and public and private local agencies. ACF assists these organizations through funding, policy direction, and information services.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)/Rural Community Development Facilities Program (RCDFP)/ Homeland Security Program: Water and Wastewater Treatment Systems Safety and Security Training and Technical Assistance Project: G,O,P

The Office of Community Services awards this grant (contingent upon available funding) to provide nationwide training and technical assistance to small, rural communities. The project will address concerns of many small and very small community water and wastewater treatment systems that may be most vulnerable to possible terrorist attacks and least prepared to deal with such events.

www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2009-ACF-OCS-EF-0025.html

Office of Community Services: U

ACF Chicago Regional Office | 233 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 400 | Chicago, IL 60601-5519
(312) 353-4237 | chicago@acf.hhs.gov | <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/>

The mission of the Office of Community Services is to work in partnership with states, communities, and other agencies to provide a range of human and economic development services and activities which ameliorate the causes and characteristics of poverty and otherwise assist persons in need.

Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds are to enable each State to furnish social services best suited to meet the needs of the individuals residing within the State. Such services may be, but are not limited to: daycare for children or adults, protective services for children or adults, special services to persons with disabilities, adoption, case management, health-related services, transportation, foster care for children or adults, substance abuse, housing, home-delivered meals, independent/transitional living, employment services or any other social services found necessary by the State for its population.

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) provides States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. Territories, and Federal and State-recognized Indian Tribes and tribal organizations, Community Action Agencies, migrant and seasonal farmworkers or other organizations designated by the States, funds to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities.

Office of Human Services Emergency and Preparedness and Response (OHSEPR): U

ACF Chicago Regional Office | 233 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 400 | Chicago, IL 60601-5519
(312) 353-4237 | chicago@acf.hhs.gov | <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ohsepr/about/mission.html>

The Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness and Response (OHSEPR) provides leadership in human services preparedness and response while promoting self-sufficiency of individuals, families, and special needs populations prior to, during and after disasters.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security



Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)



National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Region V Flood Insurance and Mitigation Division | 536 South Clark Street | Chicago, IL 60605
(312) 408-5500 | www.fema.gov

Topics: Floodplain Management, Floodplain Mapping, Risk Assessment, Mitigation Planning, Mitigation Techniques.

FEMA Region V has a division that handles the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), mitigation programs, and helps states, communities, and private entities interpret the federal regulations.

Floodplain Mapping and Floodplain Management: I, G, O, P, E, U

Regional staff includes engineers and planners assigned to help communities. They provide technical assistance and publications to help citizens and local officials understand NFIP flood maps and the regulatory requirements for communities to participate in the NFIP.

Risk Analysis Branch (Floodplain Mapping)

Point of Contact: Suzanne Vermeer, P.E., CFM | Civil Engineer | (312) 408-5245

Floodplain Management and Insurance Branch

Point of Contact: Michael Bryant | Natural Hazards Specialist | (312) 408-5334
FEMA, Region V | 536 South Clark, 6th Floor | Chicago, IL 60605

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program: G, P

The HMGP assists states and communities in implementing long-term hazard mitigation measures following a presidential disaster declaration. Funds are provided to governments (state, local, or tribal) or certain private non-profit organizations, which may use the funds to protect public or private property or to purchase repetitive loss structures. The HMGP will pay for 75% of the eligible costs of such mitigation projects. The projects should be consistent with the recommendations of the state's mitigation plans and strategies. Projects must be shown to be cost-effective, and they may mitigate hazards other than the one that caused the disaster.

www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgrp/index.shtm

Point of Contact: Rusty Rickart | Mitigation Specialist | (312) 408-5591
FEMA, Region V | 536 South Clark, 6th Floor | Chicago, IL 60605

Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA): G

The FMA program provides grants to states and communities for planning and mitigation projects to reduce the risk of flood damage. FEMA provides three types of FMA grants: Planning, Project, and Technical Assistance. The program is used to assist states and local governments to implement cost-effective measures that will reduce future flood damage and future flood insurance claims. Examples of eligible projects include acquisition or elevation of NFIP-insured buildings and minor drainage improvement projects. Hazard mitigation plans can also be generated with these funds.

www.fema.gov/government/grant/fma/fma2006.shtm

Point of Contact: Rusty Rickart | Mitigation Specialist | (312) 408-5591
FEMA, Region V | 536 South Clark, 6th Floor | Chicago, IL 60605

Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC): G

Up to \$10 million is available annually for FEMA to provide RFC funds to assist states and communities with reducing flood damages to insured properties that have had one or more claims to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

www.fema.gov/government/grant/rfc/index.shtm

Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL): U

This grant program provides funding to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to severe repetitive loss (SRL) structures (residential property) insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Please refer to the website for SRL definitions.

www.fema.gov/government/grant/srl/index.shtm

Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM): G

The PDM program provides technical and financial assistance to states and local governments to implement cost-effective hazard mitigation activities that complement a comprehensive mitigation program (and reduce injuries, loss of life, and damage or destruction of property). FEMA provides grants to states and tribal governments that, in turn, provide sub-grants to local governments for mitigation activities. Emphasis is on the development of state and local multi-hazard mitigation plans that meet the DMA 2K criteria. Eligible activities include state management costs, information dissemination, planning, technical assistance, and mitigation projects. PDM grants are to be awarded on a competitive basis and without reference to state allocations, quotas, or other formula-based allocation of funds.

www.fema.gov/government/grant/pdm/index.shtm

Point of Contact: Rusty Rickart | Mitigation Specialist | (312) 408-5591
FEMA, Region V | 536 South Clark, 6th Floor | Chicago, IL 60605

Emergency Management Institute: I, G

FEMA's National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, MD, is the home of the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) and the National Fire Academy.

- Classes in many areas of emergency management, including emergency planning, exercise design and evaluation disaster management, hazardous materials response, and fire service management.
- EMI courses are also given by many states.

-An Independent Study Program is also available to private citizens.
-Special seminars and workshops are offered via satellite as part of FEMA's Emergency Education Network, called EENET.

Courses of special interest to engineers, architects, and building code officials are:

- Retrofitting Floodprone Residential Buildings
- Multihazard Building Design Summer Institute
- Digital Hazard Data Course
- Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program
- National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System

Point of Contact: www.training.fema.gov

Community Rating System (CRS): G

The CRS is a program that gives flood insurance reduction credits to communities for proper floodplain management efforts. Flood insurance policy holders are eligible for major premium reductions based on how well a community regulates future floodplain development activities and steps taken to reduce current flood risks.

Point of Contact: Scott Cofoid | ISO/CRS Specialist for Illinois
(815) 220-1002 | Scofoid@iso.com
1126 Schuyler St | Peru, IL 61354

Hazard Mapping Site: G

To keep up with the latest developments in Flood Hazard Mapping, please visit [What's New in Flood Hazard Mapping](#). You can also sign up for e-mail updates.

For more information, you may [e-mail](#) or call a Map Specialist in the FEMA [Map Assistance Center](#); toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC): U

ICC is available on all National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) flood insurance policies. This coverage provides an additional \$20,000 to elevate, relocate, demolish, or floodproof substantially damaged structures. A home is considered substantially damaged when the cost of repairs equals or exceeds 50% of the structure's pre-damage market value. Communities have the option of adopting a cumulative substantial damage provision, where ICC coverage can become available when a structure's cumulative damages equal or exceed 50% of the market value.

Point of Contact: David Schein, Regional Flood Insurance Liaison | (312) 408-5591
FEMA, Region V | 536 South Clark, 6th Floor | Chicago, IL 60605

*NOTE: The Illinois Department of Natural Resources/Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR) is the State Coordinating Office for the National Flood Insurance Program. Questions regarding FEMA programs can also be directed to IDNR/OWR's State Coordinator at (217) 782-3863 or paul.osman@illinois.gov



U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Chicago Regional Office (Region V) | 77 W. Jackson Blvd. | Chicago, IL 60604
(312) 353-5680 | TTY (312) 353-7143 | www.hud.gov

Springfield Local Office | 500 W. Monroe, 1SW | Springfield, IL 62704
(217) 492-4120 | TTY (217) 492-4101 | www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=il

HUD offers mortgage insurance programs, alternative housing options, grants, and many other types of assistance for people affected by a disaster. People needing to rent housing may get assistance from HUD's National Housing Locator System (http://portal.hud.gov/app_nhls/) which is a database that provides information on available housing (by location, number of bedrooms, rent, etc.). HUD staff and participating public housing agencies will assist disaster victims in obtaining information on available rental units. For individuals personally affected by a disaster and requiring permanent housing assistance, HUD offers the following:

Section 203(h) of the National Housing Act: I (www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/ins/203h-dft.cfm)

Under this special mortgage insurance program, individuals or families whose residence was destroyed or damaged to such an extent that reconstruction or replacement is necessary are eligible for 100 percent financing. Insured mortgages may be used to finance the purchase or reconstruction of a one-family home that will be the principal residence of the homeowner. Section 203(h) offers features that make homeownership easier:

- No down payment is required.
- The borrower is eligible for 100 percent financing.
- Closing costs and prepaid expenses must be paid by the borrower in cash or paid through premium pricing or by the seller, subject to a 6 percent limitation on seller concessions.
- Some fees are limited. Loan origination fee may not exceed 1 percent.

Eligible Participants: FHA-approved lending institutions, such as banks and mortgage companies.

Application: The borrower's application for mortgage insurance must be submitted to the lender within one year of the President's disaster declaration. Applications are made through an FHA-approved lending institution.

Section 203(k) of the National Housing Act: I (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/203k/faqs203k.cfm>)

Under this mortgage insurance program, homebuyers may borrow funds from lenders, to purchase or refinance a house that also requires repair, rehabilitation, or modernization. A portion of the loan proceeds is used to pay the seller, or, if a refinance, to pay off the existing mortgage. The cost of the rehabilitation must be at least \$5,000, but the total value of the property must still fall within the FHA mortgage limit for the area. Section 203(k) borrowers do not pay an upfront mortgage premium.

Eligible Participants: FHA-approved lending institutions, such as banks and mortgage companies.

Eligible Customers: All persons who can make monthly mortgage payments.

Section 203(k) “Streamline Program”: I (www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/203k/203kslrp.cfm)

The Limited Repair Program permits homebuyers to finance an additional \$35,000 into their existing mortgage to improve or upgrade their home before move-in.

Property Improvement Loan Insurance (Title I): I (www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/title/title-i.cfm)

The Title I program insures loans for up to 20 years, to finance the light or moderate rehabilitation of properties, as well as the construction of nonresidential buildings on the property. The maximum loan amount is \$25,000 (for single family or nonresidential buildings, and \$12,000 per family unit, not to exceed a total of \$60,000 for a multifamily structure). These are fixed-rate loans whose interest rates are not subsidized by HUD.

Eligible Lenders: Only lenders approved by HUD specifically for this program can make loans covered by Title I Insurance.

Application: Applications must be submitted to a Title I approved lender.

HUD Real Estate Owned (REO) Properties: I

HUD sells single family homes that it has foreclosed on. People interested in buying a HUD-home in their general area must contact a real estate sales professional who is authorized to sell HUD homes (most are). Your sales professional will submit a bid for you. For properties outside of a prospective buyer’s area, consult the following website: www.hud.gov/homes/index.cfm. A real estate sales professional is still needed to offer a bid on any property.

Public Housing: I

People displaced by a disaster may find temporary or permanent housing in vacant properties owned by public housing authorities (PHA). Disaster victims must be income-eligible (low income) and PHAs must be willing to give priority to disaster victims. HUD Disaster Volunteers may locate vacant PHA units using the National Housing Locator System. A directory of PHAs may be found at: www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/index.cfm

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): I, G, U

HUD funds state and local governments with annual CDBG grants that may be used to provide loans or grants to rehabilitate residential buildings damaged by a disaster. Some local governments (“entitlement communities”) receive annual grants directly from HUD. State governments also receive annual grants that may be used to fund local governments. These grants are competitive and many include funds designated for disaster assistance. CDBG recipients may be found at: www.comcon.org/programs/contact_cdbg.html

HOME Investment Partnerships Program: G

HUD funds state and local governments with annual HOME grants that may be used to provide loans or grants to buy housing, rehabilitate disaster buildings, build new housing, or provide short-term tenant-

based rental assistance. HOME funding distribution is similar to CDBG. HOME participating jurisdictions may be found at: www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/contacts

U.S. Department of the Interior



United States Geological Survey (USGS) *science for a changing world*

Illinois Water Science Center | 1201 W University, Suite 100 | Urbana, IL 61801
(217) 334-0037 | www.usgs.gov | il.water.usgs.gov

Topics: Data Sources, Emergency Management Planning.

As part of the Water Resources discipline of the U.S. Geological Survey, the Illinois Water Science Center is an integral part of a Federal agency devoted to data collection, applied science, scientific research, and dissemination of information. The USGS performs surveys, investigations and research, covering topography, geology, hydrology, biology, and the mineral resources of the United States. They classify lands as to their mineral water resources and publish and disseminate data relative to the foregoing activities. The USGS also publishes flow rates, and peak flows of certain streams and rivers.

National Water Data Exchange: I, G, O, P, E, U

Each state has a User Assistance Center. These centers can provide:

- Factual information on flood peaks and discharges, flood depths and velocities, profiles of the water surface and areas inundated during major floods, time of travel of flood wave, and sediment transport information.
- Interpretative information regarding flood frequency relations, estimates of 10, 50, 100, and 500 year flood discharges, computed water surface profiles, and floodprone areas delineated on topographic maps.
- Assistance in minimizing flood losses by quickly identifying areas of potential flood hazards.
- Additional information on the hydrology of floodplains.



National Park Service (NPS)

National Park Service Headquarters | 1849 C Street NW | Washington, DC 20240
(202) 208-6843 | www.nps.gov

The objectives of the National Park Service are to administer the properties under its jurisdiction, to protect the natural environment of the areas, and to assist States, local governments, and citizen groups in the development of park areas, the protection of the natural environment, and the preservation of historic properties.

Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program: G, O, P, E

- The Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program provides National Park Service staff for assistance to communities for river and trail corridor planning and open space preservation efforts.
- Program personnel are acknowledged experts in facilitating cooperative planning efforts.
- Projects are all based on substantial involvement of varied community interests.
- Targeted National Park Service assistance with grassroots planning can help communities make informed choices based upon consensus about future growth and development that will help avoid future flood losses.

www.nps.gov/rtca

Point of Contact:

Diane E. Banta | diane_banta@nps.gov | (312) 863-6287

Rivers & Trails/Midwest Region | 25 E. Washington, Suite 1650 | Chicago, IL 60602

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Department of Natural Resources | One Natural Resources Way | Springfield, IL 62702-1271
(217) 785-0075 | <http://www.nps.gov/lwcf/> | <http://dnr.state.il.us/ocd/newoslad1.htm>

The LWCF program provides matching grants to States and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The program is intended to create and maintain a nationwide legacy of high quality recreation areas and facilities and to stimulate non-federal investments in the protection and maintenance of recreation resources across the United States. The fund is managed in Illinois by the Department of Natural Resources with concurrent application due dates, equal grant maximums and similar general rules.



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Great Lakes - Big River Region | 1 Federal Drive | BHW Federal Building | Fort Snelling, MN 55111
(612) 713-5360 | www.fws.gov/midwest

Topics: Multi-Objective Management, Mitigation Techniques.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is to work with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. Their

major responsibilities are: migratory birds, endangered species, freshwater and anadromous fish, the National Wildlife Refuge System, wetlands, conserving habitat, and environmental contaminants. Relative to floodplain management and flood risk reduction, the Fish and Wildlife Service provides expertise and some cost share funding for the protection and restoration of fish and wildlife and their habitats. They also work with the aquatic and terrestrial development programs of other federal agencies, such as the Corps of Engineers and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. They also review water and wetland projects regulated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Section 10/404 permit program and provide technical assistance to FEMA.

Point of Contact (for the following three programs):

<http://offices.fws.gov/directory/listofficestate.cfm>

Region 3: Twin Cities, MN (Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin)
(612) 713-5361

Partners for Fish and Wildlife: O, I, E, G

- Eligible projects include restoration or enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat on private non-federal lands.
- Need to call for application deadlines.
- Matching or in-kind services preferred; 10-year habitat development agreement required.
- Contact the FWS at (217) 557-4474, (309) 757-5800, or (847) 381-2253 for information.

Northeastern Illinois Wetlands Conservation Account: O, I, E, G, P

- Eligible projects include restoration, enhancement, and preservation of wetlands. Other eligible projects include those that promote understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of wetlands.
- Application deadlines vary. Grant range= \$5,000-\$150,000.
- Matching funds preferred, but not required; limited to northeastern Illinois area.
- Contact the USFWS at (847) 381-2253 for information.

Challenge Grant Program: O, I, E, G

- Purpose for wildlife habitat restoration, streambank stabilization, or education.
- Application deadlines from June to August. Grant ranges vary up to \$10,000.
- 50% Match required.
- Contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (847) 381-2253 or (309) 757-5800.

U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)



U.S. Department of Transportation | 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE | Washington, DC 20590
(202) 366-4000 | www.dot.gov

Scenic Byway Program: U

- The purpose is to create or preserve treasured American byways or roads. Grants are available for states and communities to develop scenic roadways and associated open space.

www.byways.org

www.byways.org/explore/states/IL (Byways in Illinois)

U.S. Department of the Treasury



Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Chicago Office | 230 S. Dearborn St. | Chicago, IL 60604 | (312) 566-4912 | <http://www.irs.gov/>
Springfield Office | 3101 Constitution Dr. | Springfield, IL 62704 | (217) 862-6015

There are numerous tax credits available that are unique to each taxpayer's situation. Please consult your local office (where you can meet with an IRS representative without an appointment) for specifics about which credits may be applicable. Also included below are some links to information about federal tax relief for taxpayers affected by the 2008 floods.

-List of local offices and contact information:

www.irs.gov/localcontacts/article/0,,id=98273,00.html

-Tax law changes related to Midwestern disaster areas (publication 4492-B):

www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=203082,00.html

-Information for Affected Taxpayers in the Midwestern Disaster Areas:

www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4492b.pdf (Heartland Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2008)

-Special toll-free number for tax issues related to severe storms, tornadoes, or flooding):

(866) 562-5227

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



US EPA Region 5 | 77 W. Jackson Blvd. | Chicago, IL 60604

(312) 353-2000 | Toll-Free (800) 621-8431 | www.epa.gov/region5

Office of Water: www.epa.gov/region5/water

Office of Grants and Debarment: www.epa.gov/ogd - provides information about all of the grants that EPA offers. Competitive grant opportunities will be posted when they become available (and are linked to grants.gov).

The Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for Watershed Protection Web site is a searchable database of financial assistance sources (grants, loans, cost-sharing) available to fund a variety of watershed protection projects: cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund.

Environmental Education Grants: E, P, G

-Eligible projects include environmental education activities such as curricula design or dissemination, designing or demonstrating educational field methods, and training educators.

-November deadline.

-Requires a minimum of 25% matching funds or in-kind services.

Contact: (312) 353-5282 | www.epa.gov/region5/enved

Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE)

Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) is a competitive grant program that offers an innovative way for a community to organize and take action to reduce toxic pollution in its local environment. Through CARE, a community creates a partnership that implements solutions to reduce releases of toxic pollutants and minimize people's exposure to them. By providing financial and technical assistance, EPA helps CARE communities get on the path to a renewed environment.

Contact: (877) CARE 909 | <http://www.epa.gov/care/>

**U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**

Illinois District Office | 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1250 | Chicago, Illinois 60661-2511
(312) 353-4528 | www.sba.gov

Topics: Multi Objective Management, Mitigation Funding.

Funding to provide support to grassroots organizations to develop watershed partnerships in part comes from the EPA. Eight federal agencies are responsible for developing a Clean Water Action Plan. As a result of this plan, in 1998 the EPA selected the River Network to administer and coordinate the Watershed Assistance Grants (but the EPA no longer provides funding). Agencies responsible for developing the Action Plan include Defense, Interior, Agriculture and others. SBA offers low interest loans to homeowners, renters, businesses, and non-profit organizations of all sizes after a declared disaster.

State Sources

The State of Illinois administers numerous programs for community-based water resource management. Some of the money for these programs originates at the federal level and is pass-through funding, but some also comes directly from the state. Contact your local state legislative office for details:

www.illinois.gov

Catalog of State Assistance to Local Governments (Twelfth Biennial Edition- 2008):

This catalog is published biennially and describes state programs providing financial and technical assistance to counties, municipalities, townships, and special districts (excluding school districts). The catalog is intended to serve as a comprehensive source of information on state/local assistance.

www.ilga.gov/commission/lru/SALG.pdf

Illinois Department of Agriculture



Division of Natural Resources | P.O. Box 19281 State Fairgrounds | Springfield, IL 62794
(217) 782-2172 | (217) 524-6858 TTY | www.agr.state.il.us

Topics: Land and Water Resources, Site Review, Groundwater, Erosion Protection.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture/Bureau of Land and Water Resources, works closely with the 98 local Soil and Water Conservation Districts and other conservation partners to provide technical and financial assistance to landowners to address erosion/sediment control and flooding concerns.

Conservation 2000 Streambank Stabilization & Restoration Program (SSRP): G, O, I

- Eligible projects include naturalized stream bank stabilization practices in rural and urban communities.
- Application deadlines are in January, May, and September.
- 25% match required, 20% for qualified watershed planning areas.
- Contact the local SWCD that services your county. Offices are listed in the phone book under local government.

Habitat Restoration Fund for the Fox and Kishwaukee River Watersheds: I, O, E, G

- Eligible projects include native plantings, upland habitat, and wetland restoration.
- Deadlines are in March and August; 75% cost-share, up to \$5,000.
- Contact the Lake, Kane-DuPage, DeKalb, Boone, McHenry, or North Cook SWCDs for more information.



Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

Director's Office | 100 W. Randolph | Chicago, IL 60601 | (312) 814-7179

Springfield Office | 620 E. Adams | Springfield, IL 62701 | (217) 782-7500

<http://www.commerce.state.il.us/dceo/>

Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP): G, U

DCEO may receive funding through a congressional appropriation of funds to address community development needs caused by a natural disaster. These funds are administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Each appropriation has separate requirements deemed necessary by Congress. HUD then decides how much funding each state will receive and requires the state to submit a plan of how the funds will be distributed to local governments. Typically, the distribution plan has a period for public comments on use of funds. Once the plan is approved by HUD, the state will request applications from affected areas.

-Illinois currently has 3 allotments of funds in different stages of approval.



Illinois Department of Corrections

Springfield Office | 1301 Concordia Court | P. O. Box 19277 | Springfield, IL 62794-9277

Chicago Office | James R. Thompson Center | 100 West Randolph | Chicago, IL 60601

(217) 558-2200, extension 2008 | info@doc.illinois.gov | <http://www.idoc.state.il.us/default.shtml>

IDOC work camp crews provided more than 389,000 hours in 2008 on community service projects and disaster relief efforts. IDOC plays an important role in helping provide stability and restore normalcy when nature plays havoc to communities. This system allows citizens to see inmates working and giving back to the community as well as seeing taxpayers' money at work. Disaster relief details teach inmates invaluable lessons by raising their self-esteem as they help people whose lives have been impacted by flooding or storms.

Addresses and phone numbers for specific facilities can be found at

<http://www.idoc.state.il.us/subsections/facilities/default.shtml>.

Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS)



Springfield Office | 100 South Grand Avenue East | Springfield, IL 62762

(217) 557-1601 | (217) 557-2134 TTY

Chicago Office | 401 South Clinton Street | Chicago, IL 60607

(800) 843-6154 | (312) 793-2354 TTY

www.dhs.state.il.us

To locate local offices: <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=16954>

DHS can help meet basic needs, cope with illness, emergencies, or other challenges to self-sufficiency.



Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)

Office of Water Resources | One Natural Resources Way | Springfield, IL 62701

(217) 782-3863 | <http://www.dnr.state.il.us>

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources/Office of Water Resources (IDNR/OWR) is the state's primary floodplain management agency. IDNR/OWR regulates construction activities (including dams) in the state's rivers, lakes, and streams. The agency is also very active in the planning and funding of urban flood control and structural flood control projects when deemed appropriate. The IDNR receives many requests for assistance to solve flooding and other related water resources problems, each of which leads to some category of study or action. The agency is the primary contact for line item or state budget requirements to address statewide flood issues. The IDNR reviews all state-funded construction activities within floodplains to ensure compliance with Executive Order #5. IDNR/OWR coordinates the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), mitigation activities, and floodplain mapping issues across the state.

State and local floodplain regulations and NFIP coordination: I, G, O, P, E

- Provides communities or individuals with assistance and training to regulate floodplain development activities and reduce existing flood problems.
- Prepares model regulations to help communities comply with the NFIP and reduce flood insurance claims and premiums.
- Can provide communities with training manuals, model floodplain and stormwater ordinances, technical assistance, risk assessment, and floodplain mapping.
- Conducts inspections and periodic meetings with communities to ensure compliance with all state and federal floodplain regulations.
- Works with communities after flood events to ensure all programmatic requirements are met and that communities take steps to reduce future flood losses.
- Provides funding for acquisition or mitigation of flood damaged or repetitively flooded structures.

Point of Contact:

Paul Osman (Statewide Manager) | (217) 782-4428 | Paul.osman@illinois.gov

Small Projects Fund: G

- Provides direct assistance to rural and smaller communities to reduce stormwater-related flood damages by alleviating localized, significant drainage and flood problems.
- Provides funding for planning and implementation of flood control projects in accordance with an adopted plan.
- Relies on cooperative utilization of local resources.
- Limited to \$100,000 at a single locality.

Point of Contact:

Tom Maloney | (217) 782-4615

State Structural or Flood Control Programs: G

Point of Contact:

Arlan Juhl | (217) 782-4636

State Floodway Permit or Dam Safety Programs: G

Point of Contact:

Mike Diedrichsen | (217) 782-4426

Illinois Trail Grant Programs

Illinois Department of Natural Resources | Division of Grant Administration | One Natural Resources Way | Springfield, IL 62702-1271 | (217) 782-7481 | <http://dnr.state.il.us/ocd/newtrail2.htm>

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) administers five (5) grant programs that can provide funding assistance to acquire, develop and, in some cases, maintain trails for a variety of public recreation uses. These programs can also restore areas damaged by unauthorized trail use activity. The programs are:

*[Bike Path Program](#)

*[Local Government Snowmobile Program](#)

*[Snowmobile Trail Establishment Fund \(STEF\) Program](#)

*[Off-Highway Vehicle \(OHV\) Program](#)

*[Federal Recreational Trails Program \(RTP\)](#)

These programs provide grant assistance on a wide variety of trail related projects in the state. Each program operates on an annual recurring grant cycle with funds awarded on the basis of a review and prioritization of written applications submitted to the IDNR. Projects are evaluated according to established trail objectives and priorities. The director of the IDNR, in consultation with staff and the Illinois Natural Resources Advisory Board, the Illinois Greenways & Trails Council and the Illinois Off-Highway Vehicle Trails Advisory Board, as appropriate, has sole authority and responsibility for approving grants through these programs.

Greenways and Trails Planning Assistance Program

Illinois Department of Natural Resources | Division of Planning, Greenways Program | One Natural Resources Way | Springfield, IL 62702-1271 | (217) 782-3715 | greenway@dnrmail.state.il.us | <http://dnr.state.il.us/orep/planning/greenwaybro2.pdf>

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) offers assistance for greenways and trails through the Planning Assistance Program. This program is designed to assist communities, counties and multi-county coalitions with greenway and trail planning.

The program is an extension of successful IDNR-assisted greenway and trail planning for northeastern Illinois and downstate metro-areas. The goal of the program is to encourage and facilitate comprehensive, cooperative and coordinated planning to protect high priority greenways and, where appropriate, provide public access to them by developing trails.

While earlier phases of the program have assisted the larger metro communities throughout Illinois, the current phase targets communities with populations of 10,000 or more and non-metro counties. Communities/counties of this size may participate in the program individually, or in cooperation with one or more other eligible communities/counties.

Participants in the program must represent a coalition of agencies, organizations and individuals instrumental to the planning process. The resulting plan must; identify priority greenway and trail projects, include an action plan for completing the projects, and provide a commitment of cost-share. If you are interested in the program or would like to receive more information, please contact the department by using the contact information listed in this brochure.

Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund

Illinois Department of Natural Resources | Office of Resource Conservation | Federal Aid / Special Funds Section | One Natural Resources Way | Springfield, IL 62702-1271 | (217) 782-2602 | www.dnr.state.il.us/grants/Special_Funds/WildGrant.htm

The Office of Resource Conservation's Division of Wildlife Resources administers four special grant programs that are funded by Illinois sportsmen through the purchase of Habitat Stamps and Migratory Waterfowl Stamps. These are the Illinois Habitat Fund, State Pheasant Fund, State Furbearer Fund and the Migratory Waterfowl Stamp Fund. Together, these programs are designed to protect, acquire, enhance or manage wildlife habitat and to support limited research and educational programs to further advance this mission.

The Office of Resource Conservation's Division of Habitat Resources administers the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund Grant Program. The funding for this program is provided by Illinois' taxpayers through contributions to the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund from their State income tax return. The program is designed to preserve, protect, perpetuate and enhance non-game wildlife and native plant resources of this state through preservation of a satisfactory environment and an ecological balance.

Open Lands Trust Program

Illinois Department of Natural Resources | Division of Grant Administration | One Natural Resources Way | Springfield, IL 62702-1271 | (217) 782-7481 | <http://www.dnr.state.il.us/ocd/newolt2.htm>

The Open Lands Trust (OLT) Program is authorized for a four year period beginning in FY 2000 to provide grant funding assistance on a competitive basis to eligible local units of government for the acquisition of land **from willing sellers** for public conservation, open space and natural resource-related recreation purposes. Funding assistance up to 50% of eligible project costs, or 90% for agencies qualifying as "economically disadvantaged", is available through the program. The maximum grant award for any single project is \$2.0 million annually. A conservation easement shall be conveyed to IDNR for all property acquired with OLT assistance. The deadline date for submitting applications to IDNR for this program is publicly announced each year.

Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Program

Department of Natural Resources | One Natural Resources Way | Springfield, IL 62702-1271
(217) 785-0075 | <http://dnr.state.il.us/ocd/newoslad1.htm>

The Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Program is a state-financed grant program that provides funding assistance to local government agencies for acquisition and/or development of land for public parks and open space. The federal Land & Water Conservation Fund program (known as both LWCF and LAWCON) is a similar program with similar objectives. Both are managed in Illinois by the Department of Natural Resources with concurrent application due dates, equal grant maximums and similar general rules.

Projects vary from small neighborhood parks or tot lots to large community and county parks and nature areas. The state program is financed by a percentage of the state's Real Estate Transfer Tax. The federal program is financed nationally by revenue from OSOD leases.

Under both programs, funding assistance up to 50% of approved project costs can be obtained. Grant awards up to \$750,000 are available for acquisition projects, while development/renovation projects are limited to a \$400,000 grant maximum.

Illinois Department of Public Health

Illinois Department of Public Health | 535 West Jefferson Street | Springfield, Illinois 62761
(217) 782-4977 | TTY (800) 547-0466 | www.idph.state.il.us



IDPH is responsible for protecting the state's 12.4 million residents, as well as countless visitors, through the prevention and control of disease and injury. The Department's nearly 200 programs touch virtually every age, aspect and cycle of life.

Office of Preparedness and Response: <http://www.idph.state.il.us/about/opr.htm>

Illinois Department of Revenue



Willard Ice Building | 101 West Jefferson Street | Springfield, Illinois 62702
(800) 732-8866 or (217) 782-3336 | TDD: (800) 544-5304 | www.revenue.state.il.us

James R. Thompson Center | 100 West Randolph Street | Chicago, IL 60601 | (312) 814-5232

The Illinois Department of Revenue offers various conservation programs, special programs for flood victims (including flood debasements for crop loss), and many other types of tax-based assistance. Since tax situations vary greatly, please consult the state website or regional office for applicability and details.

Regional Office Locations: www.revenue.state.il.us/AboutIdor/locations.htm

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)



Illinois Dept. of Transportation | Hanley Admin. Bldg. | 2300 S. Dirksen Pkwy. | Springfield, IL 62764
(217) 782-7820 | www.dot.il.gov

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program: G

-Eligible projects include those that support alternative modes of transportation and that preserve visual and cultural resources, including historic preservation, bike and pedestrian facilities, and landscape/streetscape beautification.

- Planning is encouraged to be completed now for new disbursements.

- Local 20% match required for projects, 50% match for land acquisition.

Point of Contact: (800) 493-3434 | <http://www.dot.il.gov/opp/itep.html>

Illinois Tomorrow Program: G

The Illinois Tomorrow Initiative is a bold, coordinated approach to balanced growth for communities throughout the state of Illinois. It promotes voluntary state/local partnerships and focuses on state programs that invest in existing communities. ILLINOIS TOMORROW is a comprehensive effort guided by the core principles of reducing traffic congestion, preserving open space, encouraging reinvestment and redevelopment, enhancing the quality of life, and encouraging local government partnership.

As part of the ILLINOIS TOMORROW initiative, the Corridor Planning Grant Program was created to help local governments develop land use and infrastructure plans that promote the efficient use of transportation facilities and enhance quality of life.

For more information regarding the Corridor Planning Grant Program, please contact your local metropolitan planning organization or the Illinois Department of Transportation (217) 782-2863.

Point of Contact: (217) 782-2863 | <http://www.dot.il.gov/corridorplanning/corridor.html>

Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)

Illinois Emergency Management Agency | 2200 S. Dirksen Pkwy | Springfield, Illinois 62703-4528
(217) 782-7860 | www.state.il.us/iema

The primary responsibility of IEMA is to better prepare the State of Illinois for natural, manmade, or technological disasters, hazards, or acts of terrorism. IEMA coordinates the state's disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery programs and activities, functions as the State Emergency Response Commission, and maintains a 24-hour Communication Center and State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). The SEOC acts as lead in crisis/consequence management response and operations to notify, activate, deploy, and employ state resources in response to any threat or act of terrorism. IEMA assists local governments with multi-hazard emergency operations plans, mitigation plans, and maintains the Illinois Emergency Operations Plan as well as the FEMA-required State Mitigation Plan.

IEMA also administers the Public Assistance (PA) Program and the Individual Assistance Program. The PA Program provides federal disaster assistance to state and local government organizations for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the permanent restoration or replacement of public facilities that are owned and operated by an eligible organization. Assistance may also be provided to certain private non-profit organizations that provide services of a governmental nature open to all persons within the community. Under the Individual Assistance Program, IEMA works closely with the FEMA and the SBA to provide disaster assistance to individuals, families, and businesses following Presidential disaster declarations. Disaster assistance may come in the form of loans or grants to restore the disaster area to pre-disaster condition.

The agency provides training for municipal and county emergency managers and first responders on a wide range of topics such as emergency planning, unified command, exercise design and evaluation, mitigation, and terrorism planning. IEMA offers many different grant opportunities for local jurisdictions to prepare for or to mitigate their hazards. Examples include:

Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program: G

- Governments must be enrolled and in good standing with the NFIP.
- Eligible initiatives for projects include acquisition of insured structures and underlying real property for open space uses.
- Provides up to 75% of project costs, 25% match required.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation: G

- Assist local governments to implement cost-effective hazard mitigation activities that compliment a comprehensive mitigation program, and reduce injuries, loss of life, and damage and destruction of property.
- Emphasis is on the development of local multi-hazard mitigation plans that meet the DMA 2K criteria.

-Eligible activities include information dissemination, planning, technical assistance, and mitigation projects.

Points of Contact:

Ron Davis, State Hazard Mitigation Officer

1035 Outer Park Dr. | Springfield, IL 62704-4462 | (217) 782-8719 | Ron.Davis@illinois.gov
OR

Jared Owen, State Hazard Mitigation Planner

1035 Outer Park Dr. | Springfield, IL 62704-4462 | (217) 782-8719 | Jared.Owen@illinois.gov



Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)

Division of Water Pollution Control | Permit Section # 15

1021 North Grand Avenue East | P. O. Box 19276 | Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

(217) 782-3362 | www.epa.state.il.us

www.epa.state.il.us/water/conservation | www.epa.state.il.us/water/financial-assistance

Non-point Source Management Program (Section 319 grants): O

- Eligible projects include controlling or eliminating non-point pollution sources.
- Application deadline is August.
- Requires 40% matching funds or in-kind services.

Illinois Clean Lakes Program: G

- Financial assistance is available for lakes over 6 acres that are publicly-owned with public access.
- Application deadline is Aug. 31 (pre-approval) and Oct. 31 (final approval).
- Requires 40% match for phase I, 50% local match for phase II.

Lake Education Assistance Program: G, E, P

- Eligible projects include educational programs on inland lakes and lake watersheds.
- Maximum funding of \$500 is reimbursed after completion. Deadlines are Sept. & Jan.

Priority Lake and Watershed Implementation Program: G

- Eligible projects include funding to implement protection/restoration practices that improve water quality prioritized publicly-owned lakes.
- Funding up to 100%, projects range from \$5,000 to \$30,000.



Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA)

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency | 500 East Madison Street | Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 785-1511 | www.illinoishistory.gov | HPA.info@illinois.gov

Point of contact: Anne Haaker, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer | (217) 782-4836

Certified Local Government Program [for historic preservation]: G

- Eligible projects include historical surveys, education and historical preservation planning.
- October deadline, 40% match required.

Illinois Heritage Grants [for historic preservation]: G, O

- Eligible projects are those that entail historical construction.
- 40% match required.



Illinois State Water Survey

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability
Illinois State Water Survey | 2204 Griffith Drive | Champaign, IL 61820
www.isws.illinois.edu

The Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS) is one of the Scientific Surveys of the State of Illinois, which provide research and public service in natural resources of the state. ISWS has provided floodplain information services to professionals and to the public in various capacities since 1975. Please note that ISWS is not a funding agency.

Floodplain Information Services: I, G, O

- Search and copy selected Flood Insurance Study (FIS) model data and documentation originally completed prior to 2001, where still FIS-effective. Includes search to identify FEMA map revision history. Fees apply if data is ordered. Bulk requests cannot be processed.
- Calculation of the 1%-annual-chance flood elevation for single rural Zone A locations subject to riverine flood flows. Several limitations apply. Fees apply if calculation performed.
- Search for existing 1%-annual-chance flood elevations and flood study/mapping history for a specified location.

Surface Water and Floodplain Services

<http://www.isws.illinois.edu/fpi/>

The Surface Water & Floodplain Information program at the Illinois State Water Survey offers a wide range of information services related to the management and study of the state's surface water resources. Public service activities include dissemination of general and technical information, and data collection.

Note: The Illinois State Water Survey is not an official repository of FEMA data or flood elevation records, and is not a permitting agency. Ordinances should not require applicants to obtain data or services specifically from the Illinois State Water Survey.

Point of Contact:

ISWS Floodplain Information Specialist
(217) 333-0447

Other Public or Non-Profit Sources

America the Beautiful Fund

725 15th St., NW, Suite 605 | Washington, DC 20005
(202) 638-1649 | www.america-the-beautiful.org

Operation Green Plant (free seeds): www.america-the-beautiful.org/free_seeds/index.php



American Planning Association

American Planning Association | 122 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1600 | Chicago, IL 60603
(312) 431-9100 | www.planning.org | State Chapter Website: www.ilapa.org



The new Hazards Planning Research Center (<http://www.planning.org/nationalcenters/hazards/>) provides numerous resources about best management practices (BMPs) in floodplain management and hazard mitigation planning.

American Red Cross



American Red Cross of Greater Chicago | 2200 W. Harrison St. | Chicago, IL 60612
(312) 729-6100 | www.redcross.org

- Many resources to help communities and individuals deal with post-disaster recovery and repair. For example, the Red Cross produces several excellent booklets dealing with flood recovery.
- Disaster preparedness education and national response: www.redcrossillinois.org/disaster-services
- To find your local chapter: www.redcross.org/where/chapts.asp#IL



AmeriCorps

NCCC North Central Region | Iowa Braille & Sight Saving School | 1002 G Ave. | Vinton, IA 52349
(319) 472-9664 | www.americorps.gov/about/programs/nccc.asp | jburns@cns.gov

National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)

NCCC provides team-based support to communities with strategic plans to help implement flood mitigation projects, disaster preparedness, and post-disaster community renovation projects.
States Served: IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI.

Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM)

ASFPM Office | 2809 Fish Hatchery Road, Suite 204 | Madison, WI 53713
(608) 274-0123 | www.floods.org | asfpm@floods.org

The Association of State Floodplain Managers is an organization of professionals involved in floodplain management, flood hazard mitigation, the National Flood Insurance Program, and flood preparedness, warning, and recovery. ASFPM has become a respected voice in floodplain management practice and policy in the United States because it represents the flood hazard specialists of local, state, and federal government, the research community, the insurance industry, and the fields of engineering, hydrologic forecasting, emergency response, water resources, and others. Hosts an annual conference and provides technical resources and training opportunities.

Points of Contact:

Dave Fowler, CFM, Regional Director

Milw. Metro Sewerage Dist. | 260 W. Seeboth Street | Milwaukee, WI 53204
(414) 277-6368 | dfowler@mmsd.com

Paul Osman, CFM, IL State Floodplain Manager

Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources | One Natural Resources Way | Springfield, IL 62702
(217) 782-4428 | paul.osman@illinois.gov

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP- formerly NIPC)

233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800 | Chicago, IL 60606

(312) 454-0400 | www.cmap.illinois.gov



CMAP provides a variety of publications and assistance:

- Model floodplain and stormwater management ordinances
- Conservation Design Resource Manual: Language and Guidelines for Updating Local Ordinances
- Flood Insurance Rate Maps
- Stormwater best management practices
- Building Sustainable Communities Series and Sustainable Development Guidebook
- Sourcebook on Natural Landscaping for Local Officials
- Natural Landscaping for Local Officials: Design and Management Guidelines
- Restoring and Managing Stream Greenways
- Native Plant Guide for Streams and Stormwater Facilities in Northeastern Illinois
- Green Infrastructure Vision
- Guidance for Developing Watershed Action Plans in Illinois

www.cmap.illinois.gov/policy/environment.aspx?ekmense=c580fa7b_8_18_380_5

*Hardcopies are available through the publications department for those which cannot be downloaded from the website.

Chicago Wilderness



Chicago Wilderness | 8 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 900 | Chicago, IL 60603

(312) 580-2137 | www.chicagowilderness.org | cwadmin@chicagowilderness.org

Sustainable Watershed Action Team: G, O, P

The Sustainable Watershed Action Team (SWAT) project, funded by Chicago Wilderness, is designed to provide technical assistance to local governments and developers in northeastern Illinois in designing and implementing environmentally sensitive construction projects or developing comprehensive plans containing state-of-the art practices for such issues as stormwater management. For more information, visit the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's website at www.cmap.illinois.gov/template_2columninterior.aspx?id=11220.

Ecological Planning & Design Directory: G,O,P

The Ecological Planning and Design Directory is a repository of tools and techniques for achieving sustainable development in communities, whether one acts as a decision maker on behalf of local government or for commercial development. Developed by members of the Chicago Wilderness alliance, the directory is a wealth of resources to promote innovative thinking and sound choices in the areas of biodiversity and natural habitat conservation, conservation design, sustainable development, water resource management. Visit the directory at www.nipc.org/environment/sustainable.

Conservation Tax Center

Conservation Tax Center | 189 Main Street | Yarmouth, ME 04096

(207) 221-2753 | <http://www.conservationtaxcenter.org/>



The Conservation Tax Center is a project of the [Resources First Foundation](#). The Center provides up to date information and analysis of tax and estate planning laws, codes and related information. A library of articles is included to help understand the federal and state tax incentives and estate planning issues associated with charitable donations of land and conservation easements.

Friends of the Chicago River



Friends of the Chicago River | 28 East Jackson, Suite 1800 | Chicago, IL 60604
(312) 939-0490 | www.chicagoriver.org

Education and outreach, policy and planning, and on-the-ground projects.

Great Lakes Commission: U



Eisenhower Corporate Park | 2805 S. Industrial Hwy, Suite 100 | Ann Arbor, MI 48104
(734) 971-9135 | www.glc.org

Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control: U

-USDA-sponsored projects include protection of Great Lakes Water Quality by controlling erosion and sedimentation (only available in Lake, Cook, and Will Counties). Typical grant amount is up to \$40,000.
-Application deadline in March.
www.glc.org/basin

Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Management (IAFSM)

35W 749 Bluff Drive | St. Charles, IL 60175
(630) 443-8145 | www.illinoisfloods.org



Annual conference, floodplain manager certification, home study courses, technical resources, guidebooks on flood reduction, and training opportunities.

Illinois Association of Regional Councils



www.ilarconline.org

Has links to each of the Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) that are members of ILARC.

Illinois Conservation Foundation (ILCF)

(217) 785-2003 | www.ilcf.org

ILCF Grant Program: P, G

Grant applications must advance the goal of the Illinois Conservation Foundation to preserve and enhance our natural resources by supporting ecological, educational, and recreational programs.

Preference will be given to programs for the disabled and projects advancing conservation education and youth hunting and fishing.

-The maximum grant amount is \$5,000.

-Grants require a 100% match of the requested amount in cash or in-kind equivalent. May deadline.

Illinois Library Search

www.eli2.org

Search for any library in Illinois by name, type, or location. Your local library is a great resource for information on grants and technical assistance programs.

Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS): I, G, O, P, E

(813) 286-3400 | www.disastersafety.org

Great technical assistance documents include: Community Land Use Evaluation (CLUE) for Natural Disasters Questionnaire, Survey of State Land-Use and Natural Hazards Planning Laws, and Showcase State Model for Natural Disaster Resistance and Resilience: A Guidebook for Loss Reduction Partnerships.

Community Land Use Planning and Natural Disasters: I, G, O, P, E

www.disastersafety.org/text.asp?id=land_use_planning

The goal of IBHS' efforts in the area of Community Land Use is to create disaster-resistant communities by getting natural hazards considered in all land use decisions.

Land use planning is the process communities use to identify appropriate and compatible uses for land within their jurisdictions. Land use is one element of an overall or comprehensive plan process that may also include transportation, housing, open space, community and social services, natural resources and environmental quality, public safety, and economic development.

Kodak American Greenways Awards Program (The)

The Kodak American Greenways Awards Program | 1655 N. Fort Myer Drive, Suite 1300 |
Arlington, VA 22209-3199

(703) 525-6300 | postmaster@conservationfund.org | www.conservationfund.org/node/245

Greenways—corridors of protected public and private lands—link recreational, cultural, and natural features and provide multiple public benefits. They provide paths for people and wildlife; protect forests, wetlands and grasslands; and improve the quality of life for everyone. Often associated with rivers, stream valleys, mountain ridges, abandoned railroad corridors, and utility rights-of-way, greenways also can be built along canals, scenic roads or other linear features.

Eastman Kodak Company, the National Geographic Society, and The Conservation Fund are the partners in the Kodak American Greenways Program, an annual program that recognizes outstanding individuals and organizations for exemplary leadership in the enhancement of our nation's outdoor heritage. The program was established in response to the recommendation from the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors that a national network of greenways be created.

The program also provides small grants to land trusts, watershed organizations, local governments and others seeking to create or enhance greenways in communities throughout America.

Midwest Flood Response and Recovery: I, G, O, P, E

www.usa.gov/flooding.shtml

Official information and services from the U.S. government.



National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation | 1133 Fifteenth Street, Suite 1100 | Washington, DC 20005
(202) 857-0166 | www.nfwf.org

Numerous grants are available for a wide range of projects that focus on habitat restoration and conservation. Each individual program varies in terms of eligibility, grant cycle, administration, funding level, and other specifics; please see the website for applicable grant opportunities. Potential funding opportunities include the Sustain Our Great Lakes Program, Pulling Together Initiative, and Upper Mississippi Watershed Fund.

National Tree Trust

National Tree Trust | 100 Arbor Avenue | Nebraska City, NE 68410
(888) 448-7337 | www.nationaltreetrust.org

The National Tree Trust promotes healthy communities by providing resources that educate and empower people to grow and care for urban and community forests. NTT provides support and resources to urban and community forestry and conservation nonprofit organizations.

Community Tree Planting & Partnership Enhancement Monetary Grant Program: P

-Eligible projects include community tree plantings with seedlings and grants to organizations for urban areas.

-Seedlings are donated directly to organizations conducting the plantings or monetary grants.

-Seedlings must be maintained and reports required for two years after grant award.

National Urban & Community Forestry Advisory Council

www.treelink.org/nucfac

Challenge Cost-Share Program: G, O, P, E

Project funding must be matched on at least a 50-50 basis from non-federal sources and the project must have national scope, application, and distribution of its findings. Pre-proposals for urban and community forestry projects are due in October.

(202) 309-9873

http://www.treelink.org/nucfac/general_info.html

*Also, www.treelink.org has a Resource Center that provides links to a wide variety of helpful resources and even has links to Illinois resources- www.treelink.org/linx/?navLocationRef=14.

Natural Hazards Center: I, G, O, P, E

University of Colorado at Boulder | 482 UCB | Boulder, CO 80309
(303) 492-6818 | <http://www.colorado.edu/hazards/> | hazctr@colorado.edu

Advances and communicates knowledge on hazards mitigation and disaster preparedness, response, and recovery through publications, workshops, research, and other resources.

North American Lake Management Society (NALMS): P

North American Lake Management Society | PO Box 5443 | Madison, WI 53705
(608) 233-2836 | www.nalms.org | info@nalms.org

The North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) is the leading resource on the North American continent for lake and reservoir management information, which includes the full panoply of land use and water issues which occur on a watershed level. NALMS' mission to forge partnerships among citizens, scientists, and professionals to foster the management and protection of lakes and reservoirs is met through conferences, programs, publications, and participation in nationally important committees, councils, and partnerships linked with other water-focused organizations and government agencies.



Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC)

The Duke Ellington Building | 2121 Ward Ct., NW | 5th Floor | Washington, DC 20037
(202) 331-9696 | www.railstotrails.org

Funding trails and greenways takes a bit of ingenuity and a lot of research. Although RTC does not directly fund the development of trails, there are many federal, state, and local government funding mechanisms as well as grants, private partnerships, and other creative funding methods available to finance the development of your trail:

www.railstotrails.org/whatwedo/trailbuilding/technicalassistance/toolbox/20080710_funding_financing.html

Ready Illinois

www.ready.illinois.gov

Preparedness and Planning for Emergencies and Disasters: tips for what to do before, during, and after a disaster.

River Network's Resource Library

www.rivernetwork.org/resource-library

A growing compilation of manuals, publications, web pages, articles, videos, presentations, and more. The Resource Library allows you to search by keyword or category and provides links to many helpful

resources that can help you search for funding opportunities, volunteers, foundations, technical assistance tools, and other resources.

State of Illinois Grant Data Collection Centers: I, G, O, P

Cooperating Collections are free funding information centers in libraries, community foundations, and other nonprofit resource centers that provide a core collection of Foundation Center publications and a variety of supplementary materials and services in areas useful to grantseekers. Cooperating Collections participants in Illinois can be found at foundationcenter.org/collections/ccil.html

Private/Foundational Sources

Alliance of Illinois Community Foundations (AICF)

site.allianceilcf.org

Includes a list of all 2009 AICF members and links to their websites.

Bank of America

www.bankofamerica.com/philanthropic/grantmaking.action

Search for grants using their database.

Captain Planet Foundation

Captain Planet Foundation | 133 Luckie Street, 2nd Floor | Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 522-4270 | www.captainplanetfdn.org

Eligible projects include hands-on environmental activities for children 6-18 such as urban gardens, water testing, and habitat restoration. Grants range from \$250-\$2,500; deadlines are at the end of each quarter.

Chicago Community Trust

Chicago Community Trust | 111 East Wacker Drive, Suite 1400 | Chicago, IL 60601

(312) 616-8000 | <http://www.cct.org>

The Trust provides critical charitable resources in the arts, community and economic development, education, health and wellness, hunger and homeless alleviation, legal services; programs for youth, the elderly, and people with disabilities; and services to assure that basic human needs are met for all members of our community.

For the fiscal year that ended September 30, 2007, the Trust and our donors awarded \$115 million to the region's not-for-profit organizations. Giving generally falls into five broad areas:

- [Arts and Culture](#)
- [Basic Human Needs](#)
- [Community Development](#)
- [Education](#)
- [Health](#)

Donors Forum of Chicago

Donors Forum | 208 South LaSalle, Suite 1540 | Chicago, IL 60604
 (312) 578-0090 | Toll-free (888) 578-0090 | donorsforum.org | info@donorsforum.org

The Forum is a resource for networking and education, information and knowledge, and leadership on behalf of philanthropy in Illinois. It offers a number of resources for donors and grantseekers, including publications focused on foundations and giving in Illinois.

Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI)

(202) 566-1600 | www.esri.com
 Provides products, training, and support for GIS.

Field Foundation of Illinois

Field Foundation of Illinois | 200 South Wacker Drive, Suite 3860 | Chicago, IL 60606
 (312) 831-0910 | www.fieldfoundation.org

The Field Foundation makes grants in six program areas: Community Welfare, Culture, Education, Environment, Health and Urban & Community Affairs. Please review the [Foundation's guidelines](#) for additional information.

Foundation Center

Headquarters | 79 Fifth Avenue/16th Street | New York, NY 10003
 (212) 620-4230 | foundationcenter.org

The Foundation Center is a national nonprofit service organization connecting nonprofits and the grantmakers supporting them to tools they can use and information they can trust. Its audiences include grantseekers, grantmakers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public. The Center maintains a comprehensive database on U.S. grantmakers and their grants; issues a wide variety of print, electronic, and online information resources; conducts and publishes research on trends in foundation growth, giving, and practice; and offers an array of free and affordable educational programs.

Gateway Center for Giving

1141 South 7th Street | St. Louis, MO 63104
 (314) 621-6220 | www.centerforgiving.org | info@centerforgiving.org

The Center is an association of grantmakers serving the St. Louis region that provides reports, directories, and other resources. The Center itself is not a grantmaking organization, but rather provides information and services that help donors work more effectively and have a greater impact on the issues they care about and the nonprofits they fund. Also connects grantmakers with non-profits.

Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelly Foundation

35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 2600 | Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 977-2700 | www.gddf.org

Website provides information on the foundation (mission= land conservation and artistic vitality), its projects, and grant opportunities (Chicago region= major focus).

Grand Victoria Foundation

Chicago Office | 230 W. Monroe St., Ste. 2530 | Chicago, IL 60606
(312) 609-0200
Elgin Office | 50 S. Grove Avenue, Ste. A | Elgin, IL 60120
(847) 289-8575
www.grandvictoriafdn.org

Eligible projects include proposals that address pollution, natural area restoration, and the use of BMPs in northeastern Illinois (outside Chicago). Application deadlines twice yearly.

Great Lakes Directory

www.greatlakesdirectory.org/grants.htm

List of environmental grantmaking foundations around the Great Lakes region (with links provided).

Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation

2 N. LaSalle St., Suite 1140 | Chicago, IL 60602
(312) 372-5191 | www.illinoiscleanenergy.org | info@IllinoisCleanEnergy.org

The Foundation supports programs and projects that will improve energy efficiency, develop renewable energy resources, and preserve and enhance natural areas and wildlife habitats throughout the state. Natural Areas grants focus on land acquisition and planning. Deadlines are in January and July.

Motorola Foundation

1303 East Algonquin Road | Schaumburg, IL 60196
(847) 576-6200 | giving@motorola.com | <http://www.motorola.com/staticfiles/Business/Corporate/US-EN/corporate-responsibility/society/community-investment-motorola-foundation-apply-for-a-grant.html>

Motorola Foundation donates money, time and equipment to support underserved communities where they operate. One of their focus areas of community investment is supporting communities in areas where they operate as well as those around the world that have been impacted by disaster.

Motorola, and the [Motorola Foundation](#), provide support through cash and product donations. They also encourage employees to volunteer their time and to participate in charitable-giving programs.

They believe that underserved communities are supported more effectively if organizations adopt common objectives and combine resources. In 2008, they created a web portal that grantees can use to share best practice. To further encourage collaboration, from 2009, they will require organizations applying for funding to have a strategic partnership with another grantee.

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